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Reply Under 37 CFR §1.111

Sir,

In response to the Official Office Action mailed October 30, 2002, paper no. 4, and having a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendment to the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration or further examination of the claimed invention and consideration of the remarks herein.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 9 and 15 as indicated below:

The clean copy of claims which follow are:

- all the claims pending in the case; or
- 冈 only those claims which have been requested to be amended.